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Caron Announces Higher Education Scholarships



Fifty-Six Awards Valued at \$76,550 Go to 44th District

HARTFORD - State Representative Michael Caron today announced that the Department of Higher Education has awarded 56 scholarships in the 44th district, valued at \$76,550 through the Capitol Scholarship program.

The Capitol Scholarship program provides grants of up to \$2,000 a year to students who must first pass an academic merit screening, and are selected based upon a family's financial need.

In the town of Killingly 24 awards were made totaling \$30,600. In Plainfield, 30 scholarships were awarded totaling \$41,950, and in Sterling, two were awarded totaling \$4,000.

"I am pleased that these scholarship funds have been awarded to the fifty-six students in the 44th district," said Representative Caron. "With the increasing costs of tuition for higher education continuing to climb, it is critical that students in need be given assistance, particularly students from families that require economic assistance in making college more affordable. We need to continue making the earning of a degree possible for a greater number of students."

A total of 3,583 Capitol Scholarships were awarded in Connecticut this year. Caron noted that students, particularly those attending Quinnipiac Valley Community College, which has the highest percentage increase of enrollment among community colleges in the state, would benefit tremendously through such grant programs.